



Rainier Beach Urban Farm & Wetlands RFQ Questions

1. In reading the RFQ for the Urban Farm Wetlands Improvements, it states under 4. Minimum Qualifications, "Consultant must be a licensed architect and/or engineer in the State of Washington." What are your thoughts about a licensed in the State of Washington, landscape architect being eligible to submit?
Licensed Landscape Architects meet the minimum qualifications for the RFQ.
2. How the geotechnical services will be contracted out on this project?
Geotechnical Engineering Services shall be a subcontractor with the A/E teams.
3. Is there a current wetland delineation for the site and has it been flagged?
The wetland report and delineation plans are on the webpage under documents (on the right hand side of the page) http://seattle.gov/parks/projects/atlantic_city/nursery.htm
4. Is there a requirement that a Landscape Architect be involved due to the site and its public nature?
Although it is not a requirement, it would be imperative to include a LA in your team because of the site and public nature.
5. Can you please make all embedded documents from the RFQ Available?
All embedded documents are available on the webpage for your reference.
6. Can the grant contracts and/or applications for the 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Opportunity Fund and 2011 DON Matching Fund Large Grant be made available electronically?
The Opportunity Fund Application and the Neighborhood Matching Fund Application are now up on the webpage.
7. Is it correct that you are not requiring professional liability (errors and omissions) insurance for this project?
We are not requiring professional liability insurance for this project, just standard insurance is required.
8. What time on April 5th is the proposal due?
All submittals shall be emailed by 5:00 P.M on April 5th.
9. If email is preferred (and you are going to be away), should the proposal be sent to yourself or Rick Nishi?
Please continue to email all RFQ's to Emily Lofstedt: emily.lofstedt@seattle.gov with the subject title: Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands Improvements RFQ.

10. Could you please clarify the requirement regarding the Consultant Inclusion plan? On page 11, item 5, it says that this item is "NA". However on Page 8 item 7.24, it states that "this proposal requires you to submit an Inclusion Plan". Which of these is correct?
This Contract will not exceed \$260,000, so will not be required to complete a Consultant Inclusion Plan. This has been removed from the RFQ. We have posted the updated and correct RFQ on the webpage.
11. Could you please clarify the requirements associated with submitting the "required documentation to report the constructed solution to the Department of Justice" (page 4).
That was a typo and has been stricken from the RFQ. We have posted the updated and correct RFQ on the webpage.
12. Will Outreach be included in the Consultant Contract?
Parks will support the Friends of Rainier Beach Urban Farm & Wetlands (RBUFW) with Outreach, but guidance will be sought from the consultant team for other opportunities.
13. Phasing?
We want to provide for the major concepts identified in the Opportunity Fund and NMF applications: A working Urban Farm and demonstration wetlands restoration site.
14. Safety a major priority?
Like all public projects, safety and public access are also a major priority and shall be considered throughout the project design process.
15. Management And Operating Agreement (MOA)
The Draft MOA between Seattle Parks, Seattle Tilth and the Friends of RBUFW, has been provided on the website. The final will be approved by City Council by the end of April.
16. Are there locations for bees, aqua phonics, etc?
At this time there are no locations for these demonstration farming practices, but we are seeking through the design process a flexible site for possible incorporation in the future.
17. To what extent shall the Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) be provided for?
We are looking for guidance with vegetation management at the wetland restoration portion of the project. This shall guide us after the construction is complete to maintain the wetland restoration.
18. Parks crew contacts:
While this is now operated by Seattle Tilth and the Friends of RBUFW, Seattle Parks Crews have knowledge of the site and adjacent Parks. Greg Bucasas, Crew Chief Sonny Gloria, Sr. Lead and Heidi Narte, Sr. Gardener at 684-7457.

19. Sound Transit
The property located between Lake Washington and south of the nursery is Sound Transit Wetland Mitigation Area for the Light Rail. The property was managed by Marty Luther at Sound Transit.
20. Is any Federal Money funding this project?
No Federal Monies are funding this project, only City of Seattle funding.
21. Will the Construction Contract be publicly bid?
This project will be publicly bid for construction. Some portions may be done by volunteers, but the majority of improvements will be completed by a contractor.
22. Are permit drawings included in this contract?
From Section 5 Scope of Work:
Consultant teams shall provide professional services, including schematic design, design development, construction documents and contract document preparation (bidding, construction administration and close out) for the entire project, within the identified budgets and timeline.
23. Shall a farming expert be included in the design team?
Seattle Tilth will be involved and provide farming background and guidance for the consultant team. There is no requirement for an expert.
24. Will the building improvements be LEED Certified?
All improvements shall achieve LEED Silver requirements, but Certification may not be feasible at this time.
25. Draft Use Plan?
This is available on the website titled ‘Concept Plan.’
26. Utility Information/Survey?
The complete survey is located on the website titled ‘Plans’ and includes utility information.
27. Will a Licensed Kitchen at the site be part of this phase?
A licensed kitchen is not a major priority for the project, but the flexibility for one in the future is supported by Seattle Tilth and the Friends of RBUFW. The public design process will better define this want.
28. Vegetation Survey?
No Vegetation Survey has been completed for the site. The survey identifies some trees and vegetation.
29. All team members registered with the City of Seattle?
All team members shall be registered with the City of Seattle according to Section 7.7 License and Business Tax Requirements.